(b) the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of willing subscribers whose names figure in the district-wise waiting list; and

(d) the details of targets fixed for the district-wise distribution of SIM Cards during the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) In Chhattisgarh, the number of subscribers provided with mobile connections by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last two financial years (from April 2003 to March 2005) are 39,396 and 1,14,859 applicants are in waiting list as on 30.11.2005.

(b) to (d) Details of the information pertaining to mobile connections provided by BSNL (upto November 2005), waiting list and target fixed for 2005-06, telecom district-wise are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom District	Distribution of SIM during 2003-04	Distribution of SIM during 2004-05	SIM distributed during 2005-06 (upto 30.11.05)	Waiting list as on 30.11.05	Target for 2005-06
1	Raipur	4060	9186	10307	28978	30000
2	Bilaspur	4363	6683	5347	22311	15000
3	Durg	2105	4884	6444	25182	24000
4	Bastar	2064	950	3430	21392	15000
5	Raigarh	1960	421	1331	7082	7000
6	Sarguja	2027	693	2858	10003	9000
	TOTAL:	16579	22817	29717	114859	100000

Provision of telephones in N.E. Region

3246. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details Village Panchayats in the North Eastern Region where telephone facilities has not been provided so far; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government for providing telephone facilities to each Village Panchayats of NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) 1,933

Village Panchayats are yet to be provided with telephone facility in North Eastern Region. District-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Office of the Administrator, Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund has entered into an agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to provide Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 66,822 remaining unconnected villages in the country in a phased manner by November, 2007. This excludes villages having less than 100 population, lying in thick forest area/naxalite infested areas etc. 12,609 unconnected villages in the North-Eastern region would be provided with VPTs by November, 2007 under this scheme.

Statement

List of Village Panchayats in North Eastern Region yet to be provided with telephone facility

Sl. No.	State	Name of District	No. of Village Panchayats yet to be provided with Telephone Facility
1	2	3	4
1.	**Assam**	Bongaigaon	41
		Nagaon	41
		Silchar	08
2.	**Meghalaya**	East Garo Hills	09
		East Khasi Hills	05
		Jaintia Hills	07
		Ri-Bjoi	10
		South Garo Hills	12
		West Garo Hills	08
		West Khasi Hills	13
3.	**Mizoram**	Aizawal	12
		Champhai	09
		Kolasib	11
		Lawngtlai	12
		Lunglei	19
		Mamit	10
		Saiha	11

1	2	3	4
		Serchip	12
4.	**Tripura**	Dhalai	02
		North Tripura	31
		South Tripura	38
		West Tripura	04
5.	**Arunachal Pradesh**	Changlong	45
		Dibang Valley	02
		East Kameng	106
		East Saing	70
		Kurum Kumey	106
		Lohit	07
		Lower Subansir	177
		Tawang	30
		Tirap	34
		Upper Siang	52
		Upper Subansir	98
		West Kameng	41
		West Siang	146
6.	**Manipur**	Chandel	35
		Churachandpur	218
		Imphal East	01
		Imphal West	06
		Senapati	202
		Tamenglong	91
		Ukhrul	102
7.	**Nagaland**	Jalukie	06
		Kiphere	11
		Phek	02
		Tuensang	16
		Wokha	04
		TOTAL:	1,933